



TAP Introduction / Update

FLTP Coordination Meeting

June 5, 2014

What is TAP?

- A competitive, federally funded program in MAP-21 that contains elements of the following former SAFETEA-LU programs:
 - Transportation Enhancements (TE)
 - Recreational Trails Program (RTP)
 - Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS)
- \$1.6 billion in funding for FY 2013 and 2014 (~\$800 million/year)
- Grant funds awarded by
 - State DOTs
 - Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs)
 - Selected Regional Planning Organizations (RPOs)

What projects are eligible for TAP funding? (partial list)

- Construction, planning, and design of facilities for nonmotorized transportation.
- Conversion of abandoned rail corridors to nonmotorized trails.
- Construction of turnouts, overlooks, and viewing areas.
- Historic preservation and rehabilitation of historic transportation facilities, vegetation management in ROWs, and archaeological activities relating to impacts from transportation projects.
- Environmental mitigation activities to address stormwater management, reduce vehicle-wildlife collisions, or restore terrestrial or aquatic habitat connectivity.
- Recreational Trails Program projects.

Who is eligible to apply for TAP funding?

- Local governments.
- Regional transportation authorities.
- Transit agencies.
- **Natural resource or public land agencies.**
- School districts, local education agencies, or schools.
- Tribal governments.
- Any other local or regional governmental entity with responsibility for oversight of transportation or recreational trails that the state determines to be eligible, consistent with the statute.

How does TAP allocation work?

- Federal funds disbursed to State DOTs, MPOs, and RPOs for state and local competitive grant processes.
- States and regional governments develop their own application processes on their own timelines.
- Project match requirements:
 - For most projects, 80% Federal / 20% State contribution or local match subject to the sliding scale adjustment, which allows for a larger federal share based on total acreage of federal lands in a state.
 - **Federal agency funds** may pay the non-Federal share of the cost of any transportation project that is within, adjacent to, or provides access to Federal land.

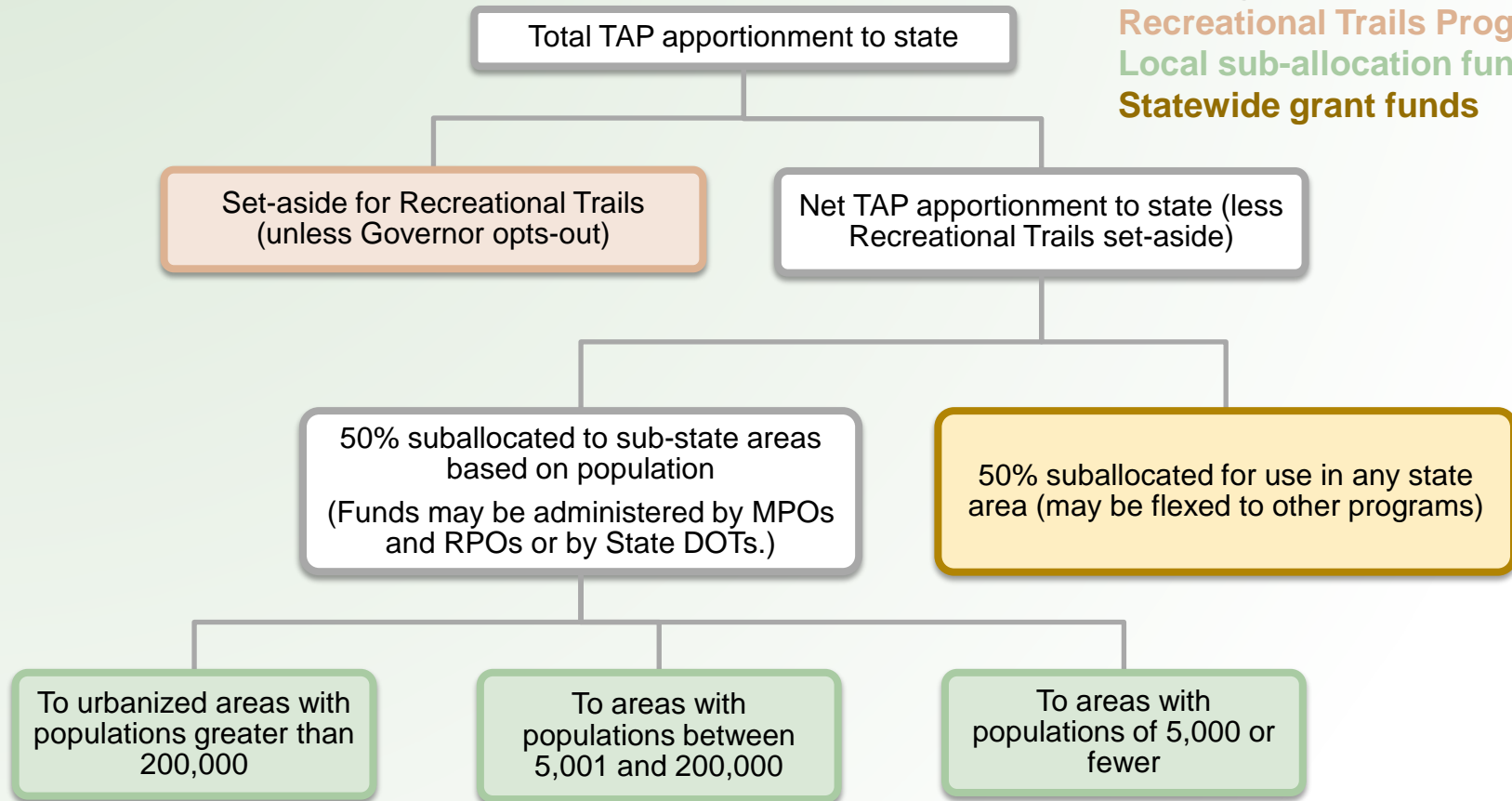
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Funding Opportunities:

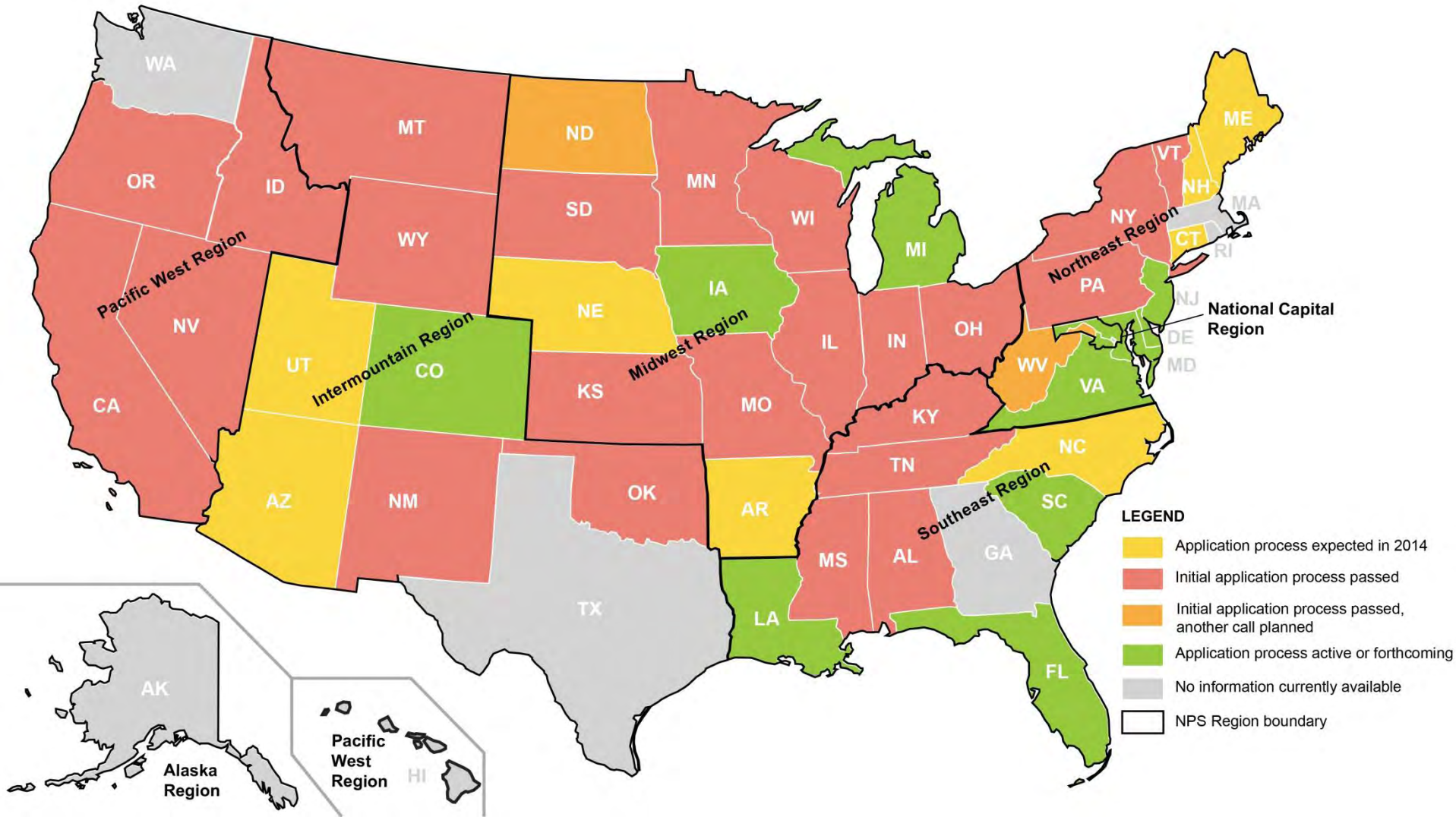
Recreational Trails Program

Local sub-allocation funds

Statewide grant funds



TAP State Program Summary – June 2014



States with upcoming deadlines

- Northeast Region & National Capital Region
 - Delaware: Ongoing
 - New Jersey: June 30, 2014
 - Virginia: November 1, 2014
 - West Virginia: December 1, 2014 (pre-app deadline: 9/14/14)
- Southeast Region
 - Louisiana: July 31, 2014
 - South Carolina: Ongoing
 - Florida: Ongoing (varies by FDOT District)
- Midwest Region
 - Iowa: October 1, 2014
 - Michigan: Ongoing
- Intermountain Region
 - Colorado: Ongoing (varies by CDOT District)

TAP Application Advice

- Application processes move quickly once open, so prepare early.
- Contact the state/MPO TAP contacts to learn more about their programs.
- Let us know if there are particular MPO programs the NPS would like to track.

TAP Resources

- NPS TAP Factsheet
 - http://www.nps.gov/transportation/new_NPS_funding_opportunities.html
- FHWA draft guidance
 - <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/map21/guidance/guidetap.cfm>
- State DOT websites (available in Volpe updates)
- State DOT and MPO TAP program contacts (available in Volpe updates)